

THE GIRLS ARE TO SAW WOOD

NOVEL METHOD OF PAYING OFF CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS.

A Mine Mule's Costly Meal—Those Who Have Recently Joined the Great Majority—Personal Pick-up. Curious Anecdotes—Various News Paragraphs.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Dec. 12.—The little debt one hundred dollars and the young women of the congregation have hit upon a novel scheme to cancel the indebtedness. They will saw wood for the acid factory to earn the money.

There are 100 cords now piled up and the managers of the factory offer the young women one dollar a cord to saw the sticks once in two. A prominent resident offers to give ten dollars to the girl who saws a cord of wood the quickest, and similar offers have been made by others.

Sawing will begin on Monday next and the occasion will be made a gala one. The sawing will conclude with music by the village band and a supper furnished by the men of the congregation.

A MINE MULE'S COSTLY MEAL.

The Forest City mine mule which chewed up an envelope containing \$225, the other days, owns the most expensive appetite on record. The goat who devours violently colored circus posters possesses a palate for the picturesque; the ostrich, who swallows old china, bric-a-brac, pins, tacks, railroad spikes and other articles of vertu, has digestive organs of limitless power. But when it comes to absorbing a costly meal in which uncooked cash forms the ingredient, the Forest City white mule rises as far above all competitors as Tenerife above the sea.

JOINED THE MAJORITY.

After a brief illness, Mrs. Frederick Seeley, an esteemed resident, died at her home on Euclid avenue on Sunday morning. She is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. Martin Wagner, and a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral will take place from Christ Episcopal church on Thursday. The funeral of the late Mrs. Agnes Blake, who died in Binghamton, took place from St. John's Catholic church in this place on Saturday morning, with a requiem high mass. Interment was made in Laurel Hill cemetery. The funeral of the late Mrs. John Duane, sr., who died at Pittsburg, took place and was largely attended from St. John's Catholic church on Monday morning. Requiem high mass was celebrated, and interment was made in Laurel Hill cemetery.

JUST STUFFIN'.

If a criminal is very deep and very full it must be harder for him to be pulled out.

The man who "knows it all" wouldn't be such a bad fellow if he only kept it to himself.

Law: The aged litigant rode in a carriage to court and returned home on foot; the young lawyer went on foot and returned in a carriage.

The young man can now sleigh his best girl, and not be a law breaker.

It is a mighty good time to show practical Christianity when the frost is in the air, and there are cold and hungry ones within sight of one's chimney. The sort of piety that doesn't clothe the naked and feed the hungry is a sham, and it doesn't count, neither in heaven nor upon earth.

There is considerable Christian unity among Susquehanna pastors, but there is room for more of it without crowding anybody.

An exchange says that "ice two inches thick will support a man." In midsummer it supports the leaman and his entire family.

A Unionist poet asks: "Why are the spirits thus concealed?" Because the bar is positively closed on Sunday, unless you know the knock.

PERSONAL PICK-UP.

Dr. C. E. Taylor, a prominent and popular resident of Forest City, is a Republican candidate for representative. The genial doctor would make a very creditable legislator.

Following is the opinion of our congressman, Hon. C. Fred Wright, of the president's message: "The message is unanswerable and unassailable, and constitutes one of the best documents ever sent to congress. It shows a wonderful amount of preparation and bears the unmistakable earmarks of a scholar and a patriot."

Unless all signs fail, Colonel Chas. C. Pratt, of New Milford, will be the next state senator from this district. That he would represent the district ably, goes without the saying.

Homer Greene, esq., the talented Honesdale author and carrier, will again, it is reported, make another effort to secure the Republican nomination for congress for this district. Nobody doubts the ability of Honesdale's foremost citizen.

A bright light has for a week been flaring about a night upon a hill overlooking Montrose. At first the villagers supposed that they had discovered a new star, but late reports are to the effect that an office is carrying a lantern in its mad and eager search to find the man.

WHOLLY UNPREMEDIATED.

The chorister of a Clifford church lately made a mistake in the choice of a tune, there being a long star in it, which came directly upon an unfortunate word, which produced a startling effect.

"With reverence let the saints appear, And bow-down before the Lord."

The clergyman's little poodle pup, leading in the church choir, happened to catch the note, sang out his noble pipe, started the chorister's old Towner's full bass, and in an instant the whole posse of dogs set up such a chorus that Handel's halsters would have dwindled into mustard seeds in compensation.

A Susquehanna county editor speaks of "Death's Fatal Work." Ah!—Hardly a week passes but we are reminded that we are constantly surrounded by perils seen and keroseene.

Andrew Carnegie advises all young men who want to get rich to keep clear of speculation. If projector Morgan had followed this advice he might have been a worthy mechanic today, working for twelve dollars a week, instead of being many times a millionaire, owing railroads by the dozen, and being the target for his own newspaper.

"Kossuth is remembered in this by the hat he wore," says a paper. A great many ladies in Scranton and Susquehanna have been seen in theatres by the hats

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You know the story concerning the proverbial bird and the worm? Better make an early selection while stocks are at their best, prices low and crowds comparatively small. When making up your list of

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THEY WERE, but the remembrance did not afford much pleasure. On the contrary, quite the reverse. PARAGRAPHETTES. It is reported that the lumber and the chemical departments of the Erie will be removed from New York city to Susquehanna. Erie Mechanical Engineer Theodore Cantis will Jan. 1, remove from Susquehanna to Louisville, Kentucky, to take a better position upon a southern railroad. Congressman Hon. C. Fred Wright spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in this place. The veteran Erie passenger engineer, Duncan McDonald, who sustained an injured arm in the Hornellville yard, last week, has arrived at his home in this place. His arm is stiff, and his railroad may be ended. Mr. McDonald is one of the Erie's oldest and most reliable engineers. He never has killed a passenger, and until last week he never sustained an injury. SOME SMALL ONES. "Jack Dodge," the veteran Lackawanna hunter and trapper, has, thus far this season, killed thirty-six rabbits and four birds. E. A. Saxton, Erie master carpenter on the Jefferson division, has been given charge of the Erie and Wyoming also, and will remove from Thompson to Dunmore. The Lackawanna public school, recently closed on account of an epidemic of diphtheria, will be re-opened in a few days. Several Jefferson division engineers will take jobs in the West. "The Wonders of the West" is the title of the lecture to be delivered by Rev. Stephen Jay, of Wyoming, in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening next, December 11. There are three candidates in Clifford township for register and recorder. Insalute township, wouldn't you suffer. J. E. Thomas, of Uniondale, has joined the innumerable caravan of candidates for representative at Harrisburg. The Erie shop cafe will be continued as heretofore. The annual reception of the Susquehanna Athletic club will be held in Harrisburg on Tuesday evening, January 28. The Erie is putting in trout fry in several streams along the Delaware division. HAD TO HAVE CAPSULES. In Susquehanna there lives a man whose chief characteristic is devotion to the "hardy." A few days ago he was taken with a sudden, and as it turned out, very serious illness. One day his physician had occasion to administer some remedy of a decidedly unpleasant flavor, and consequently held a glass of water in one hand while offering the medicine with the other. "The patient swallowed the dose without flinching, and then glancing at the tumbler, asked feebly, what it contained. Upon being told that it was water, he shook his head and said: "You'll have to give it to me in capsules, doctor, I ain't used to it!" Whitney. Wigwag—It doesn't pay to strike a man when he is down. Boromel—No; especially if you are going to strike him for a loan. DESERTED WIVES. Apt to Be Forgiving Even if They Make a Complaint to the Courts. From the Philadelphia Press. An old statement emanating from the Chicago bureau of associated charities casts an interesting sidelight upon the divorce question. According to this statement, the burden upon the bureau of women who have been deserted by their husbands is out of all proportion to a civilized society. In one way and another it has been estimated that there are in Chicago 8,500 women who have been thus left alone in the world. Some of the neorecents have disappeared, but many are still hangers-on in the household, leaving their wives to earn the bread. What, then, the Chicago courts are asking, is to be done with these offenders? The question would be simple enough were it not that the deserted wife is loath to set in motion the machinery of the law, or if she has done so, is generally anxious to stop it. A Philadelphia lawyer, when asked about this, was of the impression that affairs were not much better in this city. "You must," he said, "devise an effective punishment before you can stop a crime. When a husband is to be tried for ill-treating his wife the latter must generally be the prosecutor, and if she gets as far as taking the oath her spirit generally leaves her at that point. She leaves the magistrate's office and by night she is back at the station house begging to see the fellow. I believe that in Philadelphia fully 75 per cent. of these arrests are lost through the default of the wife as the complaining witness. Besides, many a woman who would be only too glad to be rid of a husband in any other way will refuse to take a step that will land him in jail." The Chicago society is now looking out for about fifty women who have been deserted. These women are cheating, cooking, sewing and scrubbing at from \$1 to \$1.50 a day, but an officer of the society expresses the opinion that fully 40 per cent. of them are sharing their earnings with their good-for-nothing husbands. Wigwag—A married man should never keep anything from his wife. Henselke—Of course not. What's the use of attempting the impossible. QUEENS WHO ARE GIFTED. Wilhelmina a Clever Actress and Amalie a Skillful Doctor. There are a number of women of the royal households in Europe possessed of accomplishments by which they could earn a good living if there were need. The Grand Duchess Serge of Russia, the czar's elder sister, is an amateur actress of ability, and good judges who have seen her perform declare that but for her royal birth she might have won fame and fortune on the stage. Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, is another born actress. A few years ago she had a little theater built for her own use at Het Loo. There plays were performed with herself and her friends in the leading roles. Queen Amalie, of Portugal, is the only royal M. D. in the world. She entered a medical college and passed the entire course faithfully and passed the required examination to secure her degree. She was actuated by a desire to be able to personally treat the king, who is in poor health.